

Friday, May 15, 2015

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy (OT) Practice (Board)

Location: Spring Grove Hospital Center
55 Wade Avenue – Bland Bryant Building, 4th Floor
Conference Room

Chairperson: Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L

11:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS

Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L, Chairperson
Iyna Adams, OTR/L, CPAM, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Kshepakaran, M.Ed., OTR/L, CAPS, FAOTA
Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L
A. Cassandra Brown, Consumer Member
Meenakshi Gupta, Consumer Member

NON BOARD MEMBERS

Donna Ashman, Executive Director
Tony DeFranco, Board Counsel
Marilyn Pinkney, Licensing Coordinator

GUESTS

Francine Miles, MOTA

1. Ms. Stevenson called the General Session Meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Ms. Stevenson read the following statement: Except in instances when the Board of Occupational Therapy expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation in otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public meeting an open session may participate in the session.

2. Ms. Hughes motioned to amend the General Session Agenda – May 15, 2015. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
3. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the April 17, 2015 General Session Minutes. Ms. Adams seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

REPORTS

1. Ms. Ashman requested that the Board consider whether to propose legislation in 2016. The legislative concept form must be completed and submitted to the Department by May 28, 2015. The Board decided to gather information about legislation to require a criminal background check for occupational therapy licensee applicants. Ms. Ashman will speak with Mr. Shaun Conway, NBCOT, to discuss whether NBCOT might be considering an investigation requirement for certification applicants. Mr. DeFranco will forward information on the process from other boards to Ms. Ashman.

2. Ms. Ashman reported that the biennial renewal regulatory proposal will be discussed at the Board workshop. Ms. Miles, MOTA, stated that Ms. Kate Eglseder, MOTA Vice President, may also attend the Board Workshop in June.
3. Ms. Ashman reported that Chapter 10.46.01 and Chapter 10.46.06 have been signed off by the Secretary of the Department and will be published in the Maryland Register for a comment period of June 26 through July 27, 2015. During this time, the Board will forward an eblast to licensees to inform them of this opportunity to provide comments.
4. Ms. Ashman provided an update on dry needling regulations proposed by the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. The Board will continue to monitor this proposal.
5. Mr. Kshepakaran and Ms. Adams informed the Board that review of the continuing education submissions is business as usual with no special cases.
6. The Board reviewed correspondence. The Board directed Ms. Ashman to forward one inquiry in particular to the Nursing Board, Labor and Licensing Board and the Department of Immigration and Naturalization. Mr. DeFranco, Board Counsel provided the Board of Nurses' contact information – Keva Jackson-McCoy, Director of Discipline.
7. Ms. Ashman shared a standardized disclaimer to be included on correspondence from the Board. The template was provided by Mr. DeFranco, Board Counsel.
8. Ms. Ashman stated that the renewal is going smoothly. Ms. Ashman stated that one third of the licensee base has already renewed with a total of 915 occupational therapists and 176 occupational therapy assistants. An eblast/reminder will be sent to licensees who have not renewed by June 15, 2015.
9. Ms. Ashman provided an update on the Sole Source contract being prepared in order for the Board to procure services directly from System Automation to host the Board's database.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ms. Ashman reported that an email was sent to Delegate Reznik informing him that the Board would like to participate in the taskforce workgroup.
2. The Board reviewed and had discussion on the development of bylaws. The Board agreed to proceed with nominating officers to begin serving July 1, 2015, although the bylaws have not been finalized. The Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair will be nominated before the June workshop by requesting Board members to email nominations to Ms. Ashman. Ms. Ashman will notify the nominees. Those nominees who accept the nomination will be voted on via a secret ballot at the Board Workshop in June. The ballots will be counted, confidentially, by the Deputy Director of the Board. New officers will become effective July 1, 2015.
3. The Board will consider the development of the bylaws during the June workshop.

4. Mr. Kshepakaran summarized the AOTA Conference and informed the Board that the next annual conference will be held in Chicago. Mr. Kshepakaran presented at past sessions and attended a few other sessions while in attendance.

4a. Ms. Ashman informed the Board that the contract for Mr. Dunning, Board Investigator, is in the review process.

5. Ms. Hughes summarized the expert witness training. Ms. Hughes suggested extending the future training to include Denise Goetz, Case Manager, Linda Leimbach, Expert Witness for the Board, and the investigator.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Francine Miles, MOTA, guest, extended an invitation to the Board to participate in upcoming MOTA events that are also posted on the association's website.

2. Ms. Ashman provided a summary of the agenda items for both days of the workshop.

3. Ms. Adams requested the ratification of the applications of 28 occupational therapists and 11 occupational therapy assistants for a total of 39 applicants approved to practice. Mr. Kshepakaran motioned to accept the 39 applicants; Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Tara Garvin	Occupational Therapist
Emily Harvey	Occupational Therapist
Nicole O'Kane	Occupational Therapist
Carli Paoletti	Occupational Therapist
Melissa Strauss	Occupational Therapist
Rebecca Traub	Occupational Therapist
Mae Yan	Occupational Therapist
Jessica Abad	Occupational Therapist
Shannon Angelopoulos	Occupational Therapist
Eva Burstyn	Occupational Therapist
Kristine Ann Dahlig	Occupational Therapist
Adina Drabkin	Occupational Therapist
Catherine Eliot	Occupational Therapist
Tsion Gabriel	Occupational Therapist
Rosa Erica I Gonzales	Occupational Therapist
Tasha Holmes – Reinstatement – Military	Occupational Therapist
Jenny Ngidi-Brown	Occupational Therapist
Lauren Goldstein	Occupational Therapist
Maryam Nourmand	Occupational Therapist
Chana Flamm	Occupational Therapist
Renee Shapiro	Occupational Therapist
Christa Schestag	Occupational Therapist
Brenda Hambric	Occupational Therapist

Amy Kitchens	Occupational Therapist
Irina Luneva	Occupational Therapist
Rachel Sushner	Occupational Therapist
Anna Nekhanevich	Occupational Therapist
Erin Lauk	Occupational Therapist
LoriviGabrintina	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Ashley Greenberg	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Sara Reisinger	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Claudia Marie Williams – Reinstatement	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Shawneeque Pierce – Reinstatement	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Karen Dell – Reinstatement	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Katrice Pratt	Occupational Therapy Assistant
MichellMaung	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Noelle Martin	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Victoria Fairgrieve – Reinstatement	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Samantha Dillard	Occupational Therapy Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Ashman provided the Board with an invitation to attend a conference from the Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC) relative to the recent teeth-whitening ruling.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the Maryland Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(13), Annotated Code of Maryland, Ms. Stevenson adjourned the General Session meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Pinkney

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